

Kellis Tears Into Broomfield

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The arm was raised and the hammer applied Friday night as Democratic speakers, before an audience of faithful who required no preliminary persuasion, thumped a list of Republicans—and a few of their own calling.

Congressional candidate James G. Kellis, the guest of honor at the Democrats' annual party, turned vigorously on incumbent Republican William S. Broomfield, accusing him of shamming his way through four years in Washington.

After Kellis came State Chairman Neil Staebler, who charged that Republican Alvin M. Bentley is trying to buy the U.S. Senate seat that Patrick V. McNamara "has earned." Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy of Minnesota sawed at Vice President Nixon.

"Schizophrenic!"—

McNamara, who thunders what others won't whisper in a leap year, spread the fire to his own party, to conservative southern Democrats in Congress.

His term for them—Republicans — perhaps was invective's peak.

Kellis called Broomfield "schizophrenic" on public works and said that Broomfield's chief Washington aide, Roy A. Gast, is in effect Oakland county's Congressman.

"Broomfield claims to have done a great deal for Oakland county," Kellis said, "particularly in public works. I have reviewed his record and I find him opposed to Federal public works.

"There is something schizo-

phrenic about this. He is against public works, but he takes credit for anything that is passed."

Kellis added, "When an issue arises in the county or in the nation, our Congressman—I don't know if he can read or write—instructs his administrative assistant to draw up a bill and take it to the House clerk."

"Then the aide writes a release which is duly printed on the front page of all the local newspapers."

Kellis said, "In four years, Mr. Broomfield has passed one bill, a private bill."

Swainson Joins In—

Lt. Gov. John B. Swainson, the party's candidate for governor, joined the attack on Broomfield, with whom he served in the Legislature. He called Broomfield "a misrepresentative . . . who votes against bills that would help the unemployed in his district, against Federal aid to schools, against a decent wage."

It has been Kellis' campaign strategy to portray Broomfield as "a nice guy who offends no one because he does nothing, who gives the appearance of business by sending out a lot of mail and questionnaires." Kellis' statement Friday night was the first public pronouncement of this contention.

Kellis said, "I want the public to know something about this man Broomfield."

Broomfield, who expressed confidence that he would win Nov. 8, declined to use Kellis' name when answering a question about the race during a press conference Thursday. Broomfield said then, "I am not running against the man you named. I am running on 12 years legislative experience and service."

Broomfield was touring the Farmington area today and was unavailable for comment on Kellis' statements.